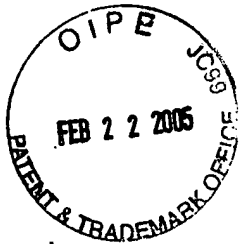


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In re Application of:)
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Chin Ying Hsiao et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
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Application No.: 10/822,938) Examiner: Suzanne M. Mayer
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Filed: April 12, 2004) Confirmation No. 4416
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For: Novel Collagen Production)
Method)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005.

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1- 40, allegedly drawn to methods of producing collagen, classified in class 435, subclass 68.1.

Group II: claims 41 - 53, allegedly drawn to collagen products, classified in class 530, subclass 356.

Office Action at page 2.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 - 40, with traverse. Searches required for examining claims 1-40, allegedly drawn to methods of producing collagen, would overlap with searches required for examining claims 41 - 53, allegedly drawn to collagen products produced by the claimed method. Therefore, the search and

examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, and the examiner should examine the entire application on the merits. See MPEP § 803 at 800-4 (8th ed. rev. 2, May 2004).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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